— To develop selected urban settlements with urban infrastructural facilities such as transport, power, communication, drinking water sewerage, drainage etc. comparable with Delhi.

— To provide a rational land use pattern in order to protect and preserve good agricultural land and utilise unproductive land for urban uses.

— To promote sustainable growth with social justice and empowerment in resource.

— To improve the quality of life, particularly of the poor and deprived.

— To promote effective people's participation in the process of development through decentralisation of institutions.

(e) The current Regional Plan-2001 aims at decongesting Delhi and attaining a balanced and harmonized development of NCR. To achieve this objective, the Government has facilitated financing of 172 schemes in the NCR of which 84 schemes have been completed and 88 schemes are at different stages of implementation. The NCR Planning Board has also taken many steps for implementation of the Plan, which includes:

(i) Preparation of 4 Functional Plans relating to Transportation, Telecommunication, Power and Industry.

(ii) Preparation of the Sub-Regional Plans of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan Sub-Regions.

(iii) Extension of loan facilities to State Government/Agencies for development of the NCR area so that the pressure on Delhi is reduced.

Metro rail and rapid transport system

2621. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the list of cities where metro rail and such rapid transport systems are presently introduced;

(b) whether there is a proposal to introduce metro rail/rapid transport systems in other major cities and towns in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of such proposal with revenue implications and targeted time for completion of each of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) The list of cities where Metro Rail/Rapid Transport System are presently in operation:-

(i)	Delhi	—	Metro Rail
(ii)	Kolkata	—	Metro Rail
(iii)	Chennai	—	Rail based MRTS
(iv)	Mumbai	—	Rail based Urban/suburban transport system

(b) Multi Modal Suburban Commuter Transportation System is proposed for introduction in Hyderabad by using the existing Rail network in the City. Studies are being conducted on development of Metro Rail Project on the lines of Delhi Metro in Hyderabad and Bangalore.

(c) Hyderabad Multi Modal Suburban Commuter Transportation System is being implemented jointly by Ministry of Railways and State Government of and Andhra Pradesh on a 50:50 cost sharing basis. Cost of the project is Rs. 161.96 crores. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for implementation was signed on 25.09.2000 and physical work commenced on 1.11.2001. The project is nearing completion and is expected to be commissioned shortly.

In addition, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has been entrusted with the work of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for identified metro corridors in the cities of Bangalore and Hyderabad.